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## VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

Re: In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel Solutions, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunications Services Throughout the State of Tennessee  
Docket No. 00-00075

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Dear Mr. Waddell:

This letter confirms our recent conversation with Darrell Whitis of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's ("TRA") Staff. CenturyTel Solutions, LLC ("CTS"), by this letter, seeks to clarify its intent in seeking authority to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange and exchange access telecommunications services throughout the State of Tennessee. In requesting authority to provide service throughout the State of Tennessee, CTS does not seek to terminate any small or rural LEC exemption claimed by any rural incumbent LECs operating in Tennessee, including, but not limited to, CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc., CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc., and CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc., as provided under TCA §65-4-201(d).

An original and thirteen (13) copies of this filing are enclosed. Please date stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope provided. If you have questions concerning this filing, please contact Vickie S. Byrd at (202) 295-8420.

Sincerely,



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